

Decision \_\_\_\_\_

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Order Instituting Rulemaking on the  
Commission's own Motion to Consider a  
Comprehensive Policy Framework for  
Recycled Water.

Rulemaking 10-11-014  
(Filed November 19, 2010)

**ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE****Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to February 14, 2014.

**Background**

Public Utilities Code Section 1701.5 provides that quasi-legislative matters such as this rulemaking shall be resolved within 18 months of issuance of the scoping memo for the proceeding, unless the Commission makes findings why that statutory deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending the 18-month deadline for a period not exceeding 60 days.

In this proceeding, the first scoping memo was issued on June 16, 2011. On September 28, 2012, an amended scoping memo was issued to revise the schedule of the proceeding and to extend the 18-month deadline for resolving the proceeding until December 16, 2013. On February 1, 2013, the Commission staff issued the Recycled Water Workshop Report and parties actively commented on the report.

The assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) suffered significant and on-going health issues. As a result, another ALJ has been co-assigned to the proceeding. The new ALJ requires additional time to review and analyze the myriad issues in the proceeding so as to produce the optimum long-term decisions warranted by the issues. Therefore, a 60-day extension of the statutory deadline until February 14, 2014, is necessary.

### **Waiver of Comment Period**

Under Rule 14.6(c)(4) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Commission may reduce or waive the period for public review and comment of decisions extending the deadline for resolving quasi-legislative proceedings. We waive the period for public review and comment pursuant to this rule.

### **Assignment of Proceeding**

Michel Peter Florio is the assigned Commissioner and Gary Weatherford and Darwin E. Farrar are the assigned ALJs in this proceeding.

### **Findings of Fact**

1. On September 28, 2012, an amended scoping memo extended the 18-month deadline for resolving the proceeding until December 16, 2013.
2. An extension of time until February 14, 2014 is necessary in order to allow the new co-assign ALJ enough time for a thorough review of complex issues.

### **Conclusions of Law**

1. Pursuant to the authority granted the Commission under Public Utilities Code Section 1701.5(a), the statutory deadline for this proceeding should be extended to February 14, 2014.

2. Pursuant to Rule 14.6(c)(4), the comment period for the proposed decision should be waived.

**IT IS ORDERED** that the extension of the statutory deadline for this proceeding is extended to February 14, 2014.

This order is effective today.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, at San Francisco, California.